(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The total production of sugarcane in Haryana during the crop year 1996-97 (July-June) is estimated as 95.30 lakh tonnes.

(b) As on 31.3.97, there were 13 installed sugar mills in the State of Haryana. Of these, 2 are in the private sector and 10 in the cooperative sector.

(c) to (f) During the last three years, the percentage drawal of sugarcane by the sugar mills in Haryana State was in the range of 50.5% to 66.7%. Besides, about 10 to 12% of sugarcane is utilised for seed & chewing purposes. Keeping in view, the surplus availability of sugarcane, the Government of India have already issued 3 letters of intent for setting up of new sugar factories and 7 for expansion in the existing units.

Agitations for separate States

4879. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE:
SHRI R. B. RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various organisations in different parts of the country are agitating for separate States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the attitude of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) The Central Government has received resolutions passed by the State Legislatures of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh for the creation of new States of Chattisgarh and Uttaranchal respectively. Demands from various quarters have also been received for the creation of separate States of Jharkhand, Poorvanchal, Bodoland, Gorkhaland, Bundelkhand and Vidarbha, etc.

The policy of the Government is to advance the principles of political, administrative and economic federalism, as a consequence of which the benefits of development are expected to percolate down much faster to the hitherto underdeveloped regions of the country from which the demands for Statehood are emanating.

Chief Ministers' Meeting

4880. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to call a meeting of Chief Ministers to seek their cooperation in protecting the wildlife of the country as well as the National Parks;

(b) if so, whether the said meeting of Chief Ministers has since been convened;

(c) the outcome of the discussions held in the meeting; and

(d) if not, the time by which it is proposed to hold the meeting of Chief Ministers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Chief Minister have been requested by the Prime Minister to review the situation of wildlife conservation of their States and after getting feedbacks from them, the meeting will be convened.

Role of NGOs

4881. SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate to restrict the role and scope of services of the non-Government Organisations (NGOs) in implementing development and welfare projects; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether an alternative agency has been evolved for working as a bridge between the people and the authorities for effective implementation of Government policies and programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir. The approach paper to the 9th Five Year Plan states that Government will seek active partnership with the Voluntary Sector in organising and promoting self help Groups and peoples institutions in order to ensure greater peoples participation in economic development.

(b) There is no single agency which provides a link between people and the authorities for effective implementation of Government policy and programmes.